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Takatoshi KATO, et al. : Confirmation Number: 2588

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For: REMOTE ACCESS SYSTEM, GATEWAY, CLIENT DEVICE, PROGRAM, AND

STORAGE MEDIUM

# COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 104(e)

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Sir:

A Statement of Reasons for Allowance accompanied the April 28, 2011 Notice of Allowability regarding the above-identified application. Although Applicants agree that the claims are patentable over the art, entry of the Statement into the record should not necessarily be construed as any agreement with or acquiescence by Applicants in the stated reasoning.

The Statement lists four US patents or publications and asserts that those documents do not suggest "the particular combination of steps or elements as recited in the independent claim." The Statement then characterizes a distinction over the listed documents by essentially repeating the last seven paragraphs of claim 1 (apparently a perfect quotation with the exception of "second face" in the Statement instead of "second interface" in the claim).

The patentable language of the allowed independent claim is already of record in the case and is adequately clear. Repetition of so much claim language in the Statement adds nothing substantive to the record and should not create any narrowing interpretation or estoppel with regard to any of the allowed claims or any of the recitations contained in the allowed claims.

Also, the Statement's reference to the "combination" should not be construed as placing any additional weight on other individual elements of the independent claim, and as such, should not impose any cumulative requirement for patentability or related estoppel with regard to other claim elements.

Furthermore, the comments regarding the art in the Statement are not attributable to Applicants. For example, Applicants do not necessarily agree that the documents disclose subject matter or fail to disclose subject matter, as indicated in the Statement, particularly to the extent if any that the Statement takes positions that differ substantially from those previously expressed by Applicants. Entry of the Statement's comments on the art should not be construed as any acquiescence or agreement by Applicants, regardless of whether or not these remarks specifically address any particular point from the Statement.

It is respectfully submitted that the allowed claims should be entitled to the broadest reasonable interpretation and to the broadest range of equivalents that are appropriate in light of the language of the claims, the supporting disclosure and Applicants' prosecution of the claims, without reference to the Statement of Reasons for Allowance.

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